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HB 1796-S3 by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Murray, Hankins, Dunshee, Anderson, Lantz, Eickmeyer, McIntire, Kagi, Conway, Kenney, Schual-Berke, Wood, Lovick, Santos and Edwards)

Funding driver's education for low-income students.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/27/04)

Requires that, at the time the vehicle license plate fee imposed under RCW 46.16.237 is charged, the registered owner shall pay and the department shall collect an additional fee of one dollar for each license plate issued.

Directs the department to transmit the fee imposed in this act to the state treasurer together with a detailed report for deposit in the motor vehicle fund. The state treasurer shall transfer the fees imposed in this section at least once each quarter to the public safety and education account, and the amount so deposited may be used only for reducing the cost of traffic safety education courses under chapter 28A.220 RCW for students qualified to receive school lunches on a reduced-cost or free basis.

Provides that each school district that does not offer an approved standard traffic safety education course shall offer scholarships for students qualified to receive school lunches on a reduced-cost or free basis who enroll in a traffic safety education course at any drivers' school licensed under chapter 46.82 RCW.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 4 TR - Majority; 3rd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 6 Referred to Appropriations.
- Feb 9 APP - Executive action taken by committee.
APP - Majority; do pass 3rd substitute bill proposed by Transportation.
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 10 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 13 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 27 3rd substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 60; nays, 35; absent, 3.

- IN THE SENATE -

- Mar 1 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2400-S by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives McMahan, Carrell, Mielke, Talcott, Crouse, Bush, Ahern, Newhouse, G. Simpson, Woods and Orcutt)

Providing enhanced penalties for sex crimes against children. Revised for 1st Substitute: Strengthening sentences for sex offenders.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Directs the Washington institute for public policy to conduct a comprehensive study of sex offender sentencing policies. The study will evaluate the effectiveness of sex offender policies and programs, including the special sex offender sentencing alternative, the department of corrections' treatment program for offenders in prison, and the validity of the risk assessment conducted by the end of sentence review committee prior to release from prison.

Requires that using detailed information from offender files as well as court records, the research will examine whether any changes to sentencing policies and sex offender programming could cost-effectively increase public safety, as well as how the risk assessment instruments and procedures could be improved. The institute shall report its results to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature no later than December 31, 2004.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

- Mar 1 APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Placed on second reading.

HB 2531-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Murray, Wallace, McIntire, Dickerson, Hatfield, Rockefeller, Schual-Berke, Moeller, Chase, Conway and Wood)

Expanding authority for regional transportation investment districts.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/27/04)

Provides that, for counties specified under RCW 36.120.030(1), the boundaries must be coextensive with two or more contiguous counties, except as provided in RCW 36.120.030(1), and for counties specified under RCW 36.120.030(2), the boundaries may be multicounty, county-wide, or less than county-wide; however, a city must be wholly inside or outside the boundaries of the district.

Declares that a "high-priority project" means the restoration, reconstruction, or improvement of a transportation facility of regional significance that has failed or is an identified risk for failure in terms of its design life expectancy or other factors.

Provides that any portion of a county that is located on a peninsula and is connected to the other portion of the county by a bridge improved under the Public-Private Transportation Initiatives Act, chapter 47.46 RCW, in a county with a national park and a population of more than five hundred thousand persons and less than one million five hundred thousand persons may not be part of a regional transportation investment district. To proceed with developing a plan, including submission of a plan to county legislative authorities for placement on a ballot, at least two contiguous counties must be included in the plan.

Provides that, for counties other than those counties specified in this provision, the county legislative authority may create a regional transportation investment district and shall convene a regional transportation investment planning committee. Counties may by resolution of each county's legislative authority create a district to include more than one county.

Requires that, in addition, for counties planning under this act, the planning committee must also include mayors or

city council members of cities within the district so that the proportional membership on the planning committee in terms of members with weighted votes reflects the relative population of persons living within the respective jurisdictions.

Provides that, in conducting its environmental impact statement responsibilities on the Alaskan Way Viaduct project, the department of transportation must provide briefings and consult with legislators in the affected project area on the design alternatives for that facility as a high-priority project.

Declares that, in authorizing revenue sources, it is the intent of the legislature to provide a range of options that can be tailored to meet the transportation needs identified by local elected officials, with voter approval. The legislature does not intend that all local option tax sources will be used by a single district, nor that each revenue source will necessarily be imposed to its maximum limit.

Provides that, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in chapter 36.120 RCW, a regional transportation investment district may impose vehicle tolls on local and regional arterials with the approval of the transportation commission, or its successor, and upon approval of a majority of the voters voting on a regional transportation investment plan ballot measure within its boundaries as authorized in this chapter. These tolls may be imposed to generate revenue to fund the regional transportation investment plan.

Provides that, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in chapter 47.56 RCW, a regional transportation investment district may impose vehicle tolls on either Lake Washington bridge upon approval of a majority of the voters voting on a regional transportation investment plan ballot measure within its boundaries as authorized in chapter 36.120 RCW and RCW 47.56.076.

Authorizes the legislative authority of a regional transportation investment district to impose a charge based upon vehicle miles traveled. This charge may be, but is not limited to, a charge upon the vehicle miles traveled within the district by a vehicle, upon vehicle miles traveled within certain corridors in the district, or upon total vehicle miles traveled by a vehicle registered to a person whose legal residence is within the district.

Declares that the mileage charge under this act is subject to the approval of the transportation commission or its statutory successor and of a majority of the voters within the district boundaries voting on formation of the district. The mileage charge must be part of the investment plan of the district.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

Jan 29 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 11 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 27 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 52; nays, 43; absent, 3.

- IN THE SENATE -

Mar 1 First reading, referred to Highways & Transportation.

Mar 4 HT - Majority; do pass with amendment(s).
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 3204-S by House Committee on Appropriations
(originally sponsored by Representatives Sommers and Cody)

Allowing basic health plan benefits for home care agency providers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes basic health plan benefits for home care agency providers.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 1 APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 3205-S by House Committee on Transportation
(originally sponsored by Representative Murray)

Funding homeland security for transportation.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/27/04)

Provides that, in addition to the fees set forth in RCW 46.16.070, there shall be paid and collected annually upon renewal registration, a fee of fifty cents for each truck, motor truck, truck tractor, road tractor, tractor, bus, auto stage, or for hire vehicle with seating capacity of more than six, notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 46.16.070.

Provides that the additional fee under this act shall be deposited into the homeland transportation security account, created in this act, to be used solely for homeland transportation security funding.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 25 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

Feb 27 Placed on second reading.
1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 55; nays, 40; absent, 3.

- IN THE SENATE -

Mar 1 First reading, referred to Highways & Transportation.

House Concurrent Resolutions

HCR 4417 by Representatives Fromhold, Kagi, Benson, Morrell and Kenney

Establishing an early learning and child care legislative work group. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Establishing an early learning legislative work group.)

Establishes an early learning and child care legislative work group to make recommendations for developing a strategic vision and specific goals for early learning and child care programs and services in the state.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

- Mar 1 Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar.
- Mar 3 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, adopted.

Senate Bills

SB 6233-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hewitt and Fairley; by request of Governor Locke)

Adopting a supplemental capital budget.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Adopts a supplemental capital budget.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

- Mar 1 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Mar 2 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 3 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 4 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 45; nays, 0; absent, 4.

SB 6746 by Senators Roach, Prentice, Fairley, Johnson and Rasmussen

Requiring classes or programs that provide instruction in Spanish and a Chinese language.

Provides that beginning with the 2004-05 school year: (1) Each school district shall administer elementary, middle, and high school classes or programs that provide instruction in Spanish and a Chinese language. The classes or programs shall be offered in grades four through ten and may be offered outside the regularly scheduled school day as an after or before-school or weekend class or program.

(2) Each student shall be required to take a class or participate in a program established under this act and

receive instruction in Spanish or a Chinese language.

(3) Each school district shall provide every student the opportunity to purchase, at a minimal cost, workbooks to supplement the instruction received by the student in a class or program established under this act.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

- Mar 3 First reading, referred to Education.